MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know from the member the basic principle on which the amount of grant is determined by Government?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The ordinary rule is to grant one and a half rupees per mensem for every student who is resident in the hostel.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know from the member, why, in the years 1107 and 1108, the grant allotted to each of the hostels was not according to the number of pupils admitted in the respective hostels?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I may state that the grant awarded to the Y. W. C. A. hostel was an exception to the rule.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know the particular reason for deviating from the rule in the case of the Y. W. C. A. hostel alone?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Director of Public Instruction did not deviate from the rule. But the Government order in 1920 was to the effect that a special grant should be given to the Y. W. C. A. hostel.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know from the member why the Y. W. C. A. is treated as a special institution?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I can only say that the Government have sanctioned that amount to the Y. W. C. A. hostel.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether any representations were made by the Managers or Wardens of the other hostels that their grants may be increased?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am not aware.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know whether the Government would consider the fact that no hostels should have any special treatment apart from the number of pupils admitted into them?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am sorry I do not grasp the question.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Sir, my point is that no hostel should be allowed any grant other than the amount that the hostel would derive proportionate to the number of pupils admitted into the hostel.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am quite willing to bring that fact to the notice of the Government. But I am not prepared to accept that view at present.

Statement by caste of Assistant Inspectors and Assistant Inspectresses of Vernacular Schools.

14. MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement by caste showing

(*a*) the number of Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools: and

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(*b*) the number of Assistant Inspectresses of Vernacular Schools ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) The statement is given below :—

Hindus :	
Tamil Brahmins	5
Nairs	6
Vellala	1
Christians :	
Syrian Christians—Mar Thoma	5
Do. —Jacobite	2
Do. —Catholic	1
Church of England	1
Total	21

(*b*) The statement is given below :—

Hindus :	
Nairs	3
Christians :	
Protestant Indian Christian (L. M. S.)	1
Anglican Syrian	1
Reformed Syrian	1
Total	6

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether there are no qualified teachers who could be appointed as Assistant Inspectors from among the backward communities in the State ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I believe there are.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know the particular reason why that question was not hitherto considered by Government ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It has been considered by Government. Recently a member from a backward community was appointed as Assistant Inspectress.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I point out to Government that, in future, when vacancies of Assistant Inspectors occur, the question of appointing men from the backward community should be borne in mind ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

Kottarakara-Ernakulam Railway.

15. ***MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the estimated cost is for the Kottarakara-Ernakulam Railway ; and

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